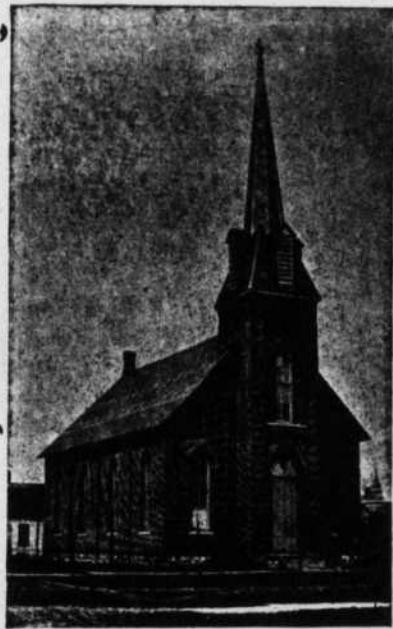


ing of R. F. Malotte which followed, many were added to the church. The church-house was erected in 1886. This is yet the best building in the district and among the best in the brotherhood. The house was dedicated by S. H. Bashor, Oct 24, of the same year. He continued the meetings with splendid success. During the last pastorate, one hundred sixteen have been added and the congregation is not only numerically



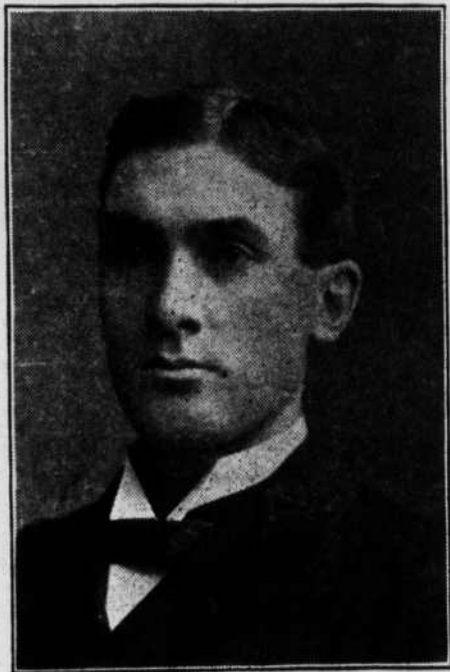
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strongest, but by far the strongest in discipline of any of its neighbors. At least five other congregations have been organized thru the influence of members who have gone out from this church. It now has an excellent corps of officers and every auxiliary under good supervision.

G. W. RENCH.

#### The Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa

Perhaps it will be of interest to those of the Brethren who look upon the picture of the above named church shown in this paper to know a few facts of its history.



J. L. GILLIN

Enon Brethren church is the parent of this church. Enon was founded and built in the stormy days of "the division." A few of the members of Enon lived in Waterloo even in that early day of the church's existence. Enon church is a country church only four miles south of Waterloo. When the EVANGELIST was moved from Ashland to Waterloo and Brother Holsinger moved here to edit the paper the few members of the church in Waterloo would sometimes hold prayer meetings at the home of Brother and Sister Holsinger. Brother Bashor, their first paid pastor at Enon preached in Waterloo occasionally.

When Brother Harrison became editor of the EVANGELIST there were meetings held a few times

in various places and a Sisters' Society was organized, to which, by the way, is due much of the later success.

During Brother Bashor's second pastorate he held meetings regularly in the chapel of Waterloo College and in Parson's Music Hall and a few members were added. During our own pastorate a few members have united with us in Waterloo by relation and the Sisters' Society was reorganized and went to work with needle and spoon to make all they could to secure a lot for the church. A year ago they found themselves possessed of about five hundred dollars and decided to buy a lot. A subscription paper was passed and some three hundred dollars was subscribed. A lot at the corner of South and Fifth Streets was secured for \$750 and the sisters paid what the subscription paper lacked. The matter rested there until last spring when by action of the business meeting at Enon leave was granted the Brethren in Waterloo to appoint a committee to solicit funds and see what could be secured to build a church in Waterloo and allowing them the privilege of beginning work when \$3000 should have been subscribed.

As soon as the limit was reached estimates were secured and work begun. A building committee composed of S. B. Bickley, Wm. Hildebrand and F. H. McCartney looked after the work and after about five months of hard work the building was completed. On December 9th brother J. Allen Miller dedicated the church to God, after about \$1250 was raised. Every one speaks in unstinted praise of our modest, convenient church. From the extract from the *Daily Courier* which Brother Gnagey will probably publish herewith it can easily be seen how large it is and how conveniently and comfortably it is furnished. It has cost, lot included, very nearly \$6000. At the afternoon meeting at which all the leading ministers of the West Side spoke, on Sunday December 9th, the Baptist minister said we had the best location in the city. The members all feel very grateful that God has permitted them to have a home of their own. Enon and Waterloo are still but one church. We hope they will continue thus until a time may come when a minister can be supported by each. The townpeople donated very generously. The furnace was donated by ex-Gov. Boice, the pulpit by A. N. Barkman, our carpenter. The S. S. C. E. furnished the church, buying carpet, the singing books, the organ, one hundred folding chairs for the lecture room, the pulpit chairs and the curtains. Long live the S. S. C. E. They also assumed \$150 of the indebtedness.

The brethren of Hudson returned the kindness shown them last summer when they built their neat little church. We praise God that he has brought to fruition the hopes and prayers of years and pray he will sanctify the sacrifices the members have made both in Waterloo and at Enon to build the church and our most earnest prayer is that God will use the house in the salvation of many souls.

J. L. GILLIN.

#### The New Church Building, Waterloo, Iowa

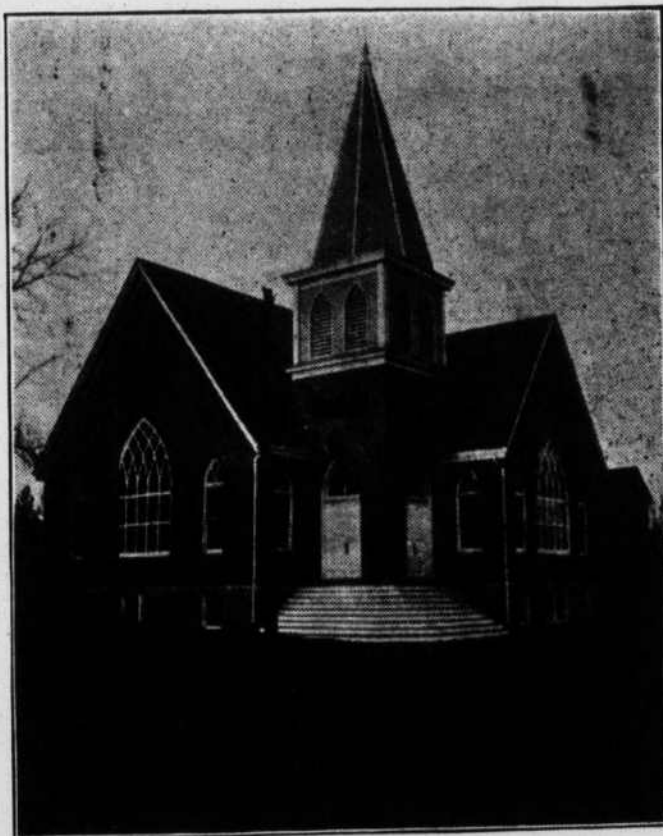
(From the Waterloo Courier.)

The church could not be built on a finer site. It is removed from the noise and dust of the downtown section and occupies very nearly the geographical center of that portion of the city on the west side of the river. It is a brick vaneered edifice of the following dimensions: Main audience room, 36x52 feet; lecture room, 18x26; hall, 11x11; an addition back of the pulpit in which are located two dressing rooms leading off from the baptistry, 10x32. The church will comfortably seat 300 people and by a little crowding chairs can be put in to accommodate 50 more.

Exclusive of the lot, the furnace which was very generously donated by ex-governor Boies, and the organ, pulpit chairs, carpets and chairs in the lec-

ture room, which the ladies of the church furnished, the building cost \$4,561.89. Of this amount subscriptions had previously been taken for \$3,339 45, leaving in the neighborhood of \$1,250 to be raised at the services yesterday. At the morning service yesterday pledges and cash contributions reduced this amount to less than \$350 which was wiped out at yesterday afternoon's and last evening's services making it possible to dedicate last evening free from any indebtedness. The ladies aid society of the church pledges \$150 in addition to what they have already done in furnishing the church. Speaker Henderson contributed \$10 and the S. S. C. E. of the Enon church gave the same amount. Two individuals at the morning service pledged \$100 each, and when it is considered that over \$900 was taken in three quarters of an hour yesterday morning the pastor and people have a right to rejoice.

The building is elegantly, almost elaborately furnished. The pews are of oak and the rest of the furniture of the same kind of wood, including pulpit, organ, chairs. The windows are highly ornamented, the glass being opaque to the sight



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and permitting only diffused light to enter the room. Both electricity and gas are used in lighting and the fixtures are elaborate, being of bronzed copper. There are twelve side lights and two chandeliers, a large one in the main body of the edifice and a smaller one to illumine the lecture room. The lights are so connected that all or any part of them can be used at once.

The church itself is a model of convenience considering the amount of floor space. One enters the building at the south corner where the tower is located, which is surmounted by a steeple. The tower is 11x11 feet in dimensions and the left hand door leads into the audience room, and the right hand door into the lecture room. Separating the lecture room from the main audience room are large folding doors which are swung on a novel wheel device. A platform extends across the northeast end of the building, the organ standing at the left side and at the extreme west the choir sits. Back of the pulpit is a low arch, the view thru which is cut off by curtains. Underneath this arch and extending in front and to the rear of it is the baptistry. Steps lead from this at the rear to two small rooms where the candidates, after the ordinance of baptism has been observed, may retire, the gentlemen on one side and the ladies on the other. This is a very accommodating arrangement.

The basement is very high and light, suitable for Sunday school class rooms or other purposes.